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TOTAL POTATO STOCKS DOWN 2 PERCENT
DECEMBER 1, 1973

Storage stocks of Irish potatoes for all uses by growers, local dealers, and processors in fall production areas totaled 154.6 million cwt. on December 1, 1973, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was 3.8 million cwt., 2 percent, less than the 158.4 million cwt. on hand a year earlier, and 21.7 million cwt., 14 percent, less than the 176.3 million cwt. on December 1, 1971.

Stocks in the eight eastern States totaled 30.2 million cwt., 10 percent less than the 33.6 million on hand a year earlier. Maine's stocks of 21.3 million cwt. trailed a year ago by 4.0 million cwt. or 16 percent. Supplies in Upstate New York and Pennsylvania were up sharply from December 1, 1972.

The eight central States' December 1 potato stocks of 34.0 million cwt. were 1 percent less than the 34.4 million cwt. on hand a year earlier. North Dakota, with 13.0 million cwt., showed an increase of 1.0 million cwt. while Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan had fewer potatoes on hand than a year ago.

December 1 stocks in the eight western States totaled 90.5 million cwt., virtually unchanged from a year earlier. Idaho's stocks of 53.0 million cwt. compare with 55.0 million cwt. for December 1, 1972. Washington's stocks, at 18.6 million cwt., were up 18 percent. Oregon and Utah also showed increases while all other States were below a year earlier.

Disappearance by December 1 from the 1973 fall production of 252.0 million cwt. was 97.4 million cwt., 8 percent more than the 90.4 million cwt. marketed by the same date a year ago.

About 37.5 million cwt. of potatoes were used for processing in Maine, Idaho, Washington, Michigan, Minnesota, and North Dakota, 11 percent more than the 33.7 million cwt. utilized by December 1, 1972. Washington-Oregon (excluding Malheur County) usage for processing from 1973 production was 12.7 million cwt. through December 1, compared with 11.8 million cwt. last year. Processing plants in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 17.8 million cwt. 2.4 million cwt. more than the comparable 1972 period. In Maine processors had used 3.4 million cwt. by December 1 compared with 3.3 million cwt. a year earlier.

Sales of fall crop potatoes for all purposes--including fresh market, processing, seed, and livestock feed--generally account for about 88 percent of total fall crop production. The balance is used on farms where grown or lost through shrinkage and waste.

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STATISTICAL REPORTING SERVICE CROP REPORTING BOARD
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Table 1. Fall potatoes: Production, December 1, January 1, February 1, March 1, and April 1, total stocks, crops of 1963-73 in the fall States

Crop Year	Production	Total Stocks				
		December 1	Following year			
			January 1	February 1	March 1	April 1
		1,000 cwt.				
1963	198,195	136,995	115,000	89,300	67,280	
1964	174,491	114,550	94,205	73,120	54,535	
1965	216,749	147,780	124,170	98,670	74,905	
1966	228,442	153,550	128,050	103,630	79,632	
1967	231,656	161,500	139,170	112,640	86,405	
1968	221,906	152,810	130,350	104,995	81,940	
1969	239,460	162,800	138,140	111,510	87,620	
1970	253,525	175,145	150,030	122,830	96,780	
1971 1/	266,686	176,340	151,400	124,370	98,480	
1972 2/	248,841	158,440	134,320	107,165	83,305	3/58,185
1973	252,033	154,635				

1/ Beginning with 1971 Late Summer production for New York-Long Island, Wisconsin and Washington has been classified as Fall.
2/ Revised August 1973 Pot 6(73).
3/ April 1 stocks effective with 1972 crop year.

Table 2. Potatoes used for processing, 1/ Seven States, 1972 and 1973 Crops

State and Area	From 1972 Crop		From 1973 Crop
	Entire Season	To December 1, 1972	To December 1, 1973
	1,000 cwt.		
Maine	8,635	3,325	3,374
Idaho and Malheur Co., Oregon	49,215	15,408	17,793
Washington and Other Areas, Oregon	25,228	11,754	12,673
Other States 2/	9,908	3,183	3,616
Seven State Total	92,986	33,670	37,456

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Does not include quantities used for potato chips in Maine and Michigan.
2/ Michigan, Minnesota and North Dakota.

Table 3. Potatoes: Production and total stocks of fall potatoes held by growers, processors, and local dealers on December 1, 1972 and December 1, 1973 1/

State	Crop of 1972		Crop of 1973	
	Production	Total stocks Dec. 1, 1972	Production	Total stocks Dec. 1, 1973
	1,000 cwt.			
Maine	33,280	25,300	28,770	21,300
New Hampshire	176	90	90	35
Vermont	209	170	150	100
Massachusetts	592	340	592	320
Rhode Island	907	2/	796	2/
Connecticut	609	350	572	230
New York - L.I.	5,585	2,200	5,500	2,050
- Upstate	4,973	2,200	6,670	2,600
Pennsylvania	5,100	2,900	6,000	3,550
8 Eastern	51,431	33,550	49,140	30,185
Ohio	2,043	850	1,800	950
Indiana	1,215	220	1,238	260
Michigan	7,875	4,700	7,520	4,200
Wisconsin	11,530	5,300	11,515	5,000
Minnesota	13,260	10,300	13,120	9,500
North Dakota	17,400	12,000	19,140	13,000
South Dakota	738	410	770	450
Nebraska	968	590	968	640
8 Central	55,029	34,370	56,071	34,000
Montana	1,650	1,550	1,462	1,400
Idaho	77,295	55,000	77,530	53,000
Wyoming	1,316	1,030	1,220	700
Colorado	7,905	5,500	8,235	5,450
Utah	1,011	690	1,100	800
Washington	31,365	15,800	35,260	18,600
Oregon	14,436	6,650	15,915	6,950
California	7,403	4,300	6,100	3,550
8 Western	142,381	90,520	146,822	90,450
Total 24 Fall States	248,841	158,440	252,033	154,635

1/ Total stocks consist of "production less total disappearance to date."
2/ Rhode Island stocks included in Connecticut.

Table 4. Potatoes: Fall crop production and sales, 1966-73

Year	Production	Sold 1/	Percent sold
	1,000 cwt.		
1966	228,442	192,214	84
1967	231,656	201,403	87
1968	221,906	196,100	88
1969	239,460	210,698	88
1970	253,525	223,639	88
1971	266,686	232,906	87
1972	248.841	223,468	90
1973	252,033	2/	

1/ Includes potatoes sold for all purposes--food, processing, seed and livestock feed.
2/ Available August, 1974 in Potato Disposition and Utilization Report.

Table 5. Population: Total and Civilian, United States, 1966-73 and Projected 1974-75

Year	Total including Armed Forces overseas		Civilian resident	
	January 1	July 1	January 1	July 1
	Millions			
1966	195.5	196.6	192.6	193.4
1967	197.7	198.7	194.4	195.3
1968	199.8	200.7	196.4	197.1
1969	201.8	202.7	198.3	199.1
1970	203.8	204.9	200.5	201.7
1971	206.1	207.0	203.1	204.3
1972	208.1	209.2	205.5	206.7
1973	209.7	210.4	207.3	208.1
Projections				
1974	211.1	211.9	208.9	209.6
1975	212.6	213.4	210.4	211.2

Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce and Economic Research Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Table 6. Potatoes: Per capita civilian consumption, Calendar years 1966-72

Year	Processed 1/					Fresh use	Total fresh and processed
	Canned	Frozen	Chips and shoestrings	Dehydrated	Total processed		
	Pounds						
1966	1.7	17.3	16.7	9.8	45.5	72.4	117.9
1967	1.7	19.0	16.9	9.3	46.9	62.3	109.2
1968	1.9	21.4	17.1	9.8	50.2	66.5	116.7
1969	2.0	24.6	17.7	11.5	55.8	62.4	118.2
1970	2.0	27.8	17.7	12.2	59.7	59.3	119.0
1971	2.2	30.3	17.3	12.5	62.3	58.0	120.3
1972	2.2	31.9	17.2	12.7	64.0	56.3	120.3

1/ Fresh-weight basis.
Economic Research Service, USDA.

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